

# African Burial Ground

National Park Service  
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## Rediscovery and Reinternment Commemoration

**October 5-7, 2016**

Join the National Park Service for three days of special programming commemorating the 25th anniversary of the rediscovery of the African Burial Ground and the 13th anniversary of the Rites of Ancestral Return.

### Wednesday Oct. 5

10:00-10:30AM: Memorial tour led by architect Rodney Leon\*  
10:30-11:00AM: Wreath ceremony with percussion performance.  
11:00-12:00PM: Redhawk Native American Dancers blessing and performance.  
12:30-1:30PM: African Craft Workshop with Vickie Freemont  
2:00-3:00PM: Our Hair Story\*  
2:00-3:00PM: *Uhuru Means Freedom*– Dr. Patricia Leonard Presentation\*  
3:00-6:00PM: Percussion by Fusha Dance Company  
6:00-7:30PM: Screening of *Then Ill Be Free to Travel Home- The Legacy of the New York African Burial Ground* (Part 1)  
Produced and Directed by Eric V. Tait Jr\*

### Thursday Oct. 6

10:30-11:00AM: Wreath ceremony with percussion performance.  
11:00-1:00PM: Tribal face painting of African symbols.  
12:15-12:45PM: Spirituals by soprano Shelby Banks  
12:45-1:30PM: Fusha Dance Company Performance  
1:30-5:00PM: African beading, crafts and tribal face adornments by Sister Iminah\*  
3:00-6:00PM: Percussion Performance  
6:00-7:30PM: Screening of *Then Ill Be Free to Travel Home- The Battle to Save the New York African Burial Ground* (Part 2)  
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### Friday Oct. 7

10:30-11:00 AM: Wreath ceremony with percussion performance.  
12:00-2:00PM: Tribal face painting of African symbols  
12:15-12:45PM: Ngoma Poetry and music performance.  
12:45-1:30PM: Redhawk Native American Dance  
2:00-4:00PM: Percussion performance by Something Positive.



## Plan Your Visit

African Burial Ground National Monument Visitor Center and Memorial is open Tuesday - Saturday, 10 am-4 pm and 10 am-5 pm, respectively.

Please be advised that visitors entering 290 Broadway are subject to airport-style security. This may include the removal of shoes and presenting of photo identification. Please plan accordingly.

For more information:

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\*Requires an RSVP. Please email:  
[African\\_burial\\_ground@nps.gov](mailto:African_burial_ground@nps.gov) to reserve a spot.